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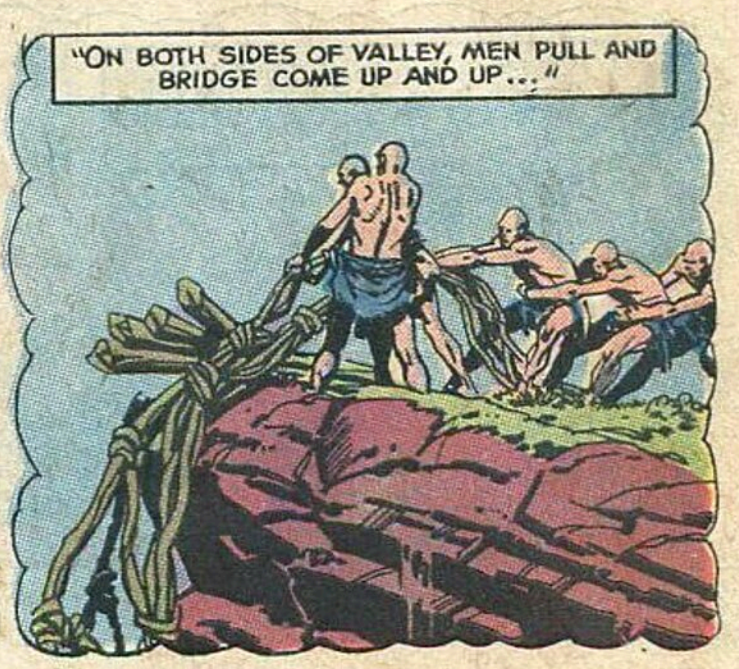
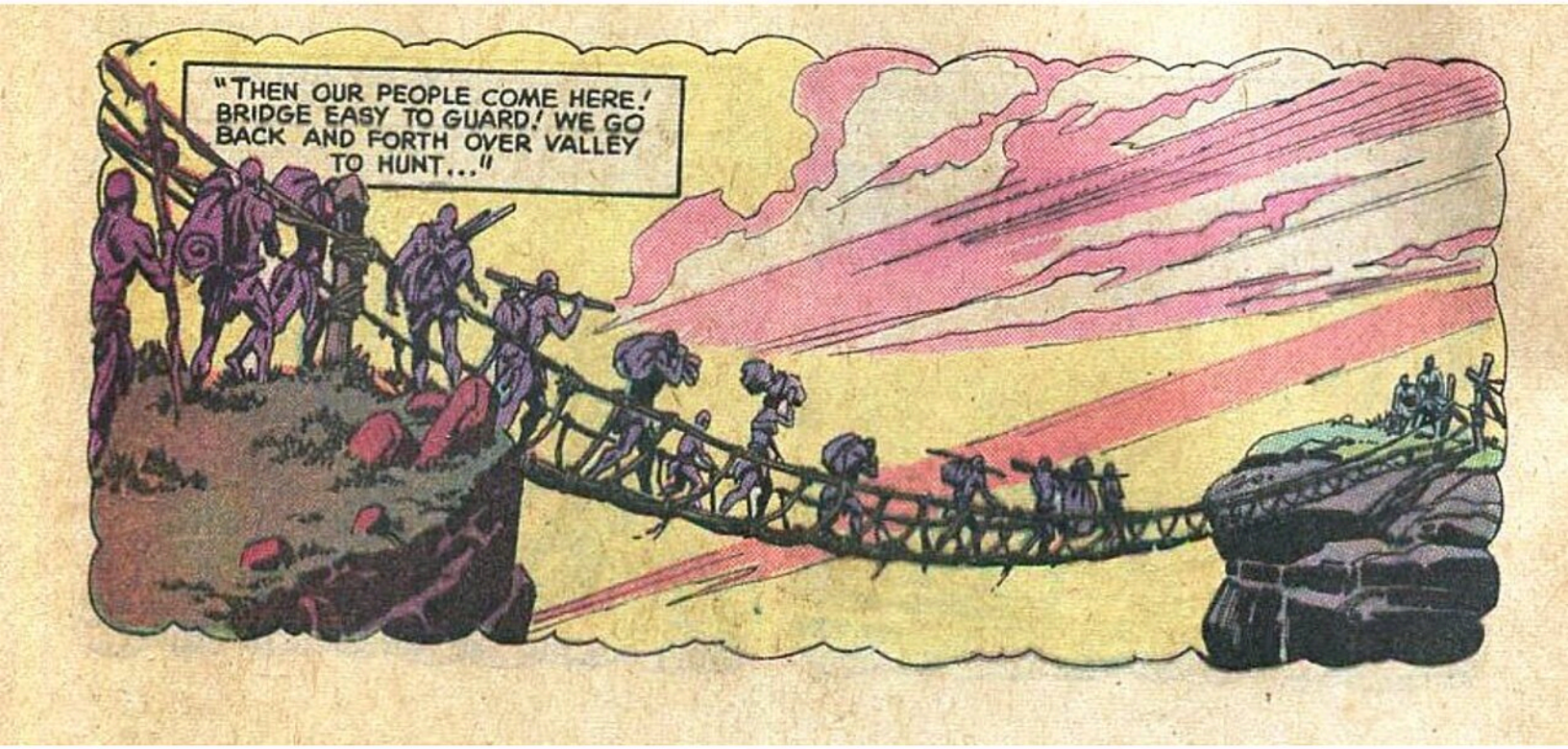
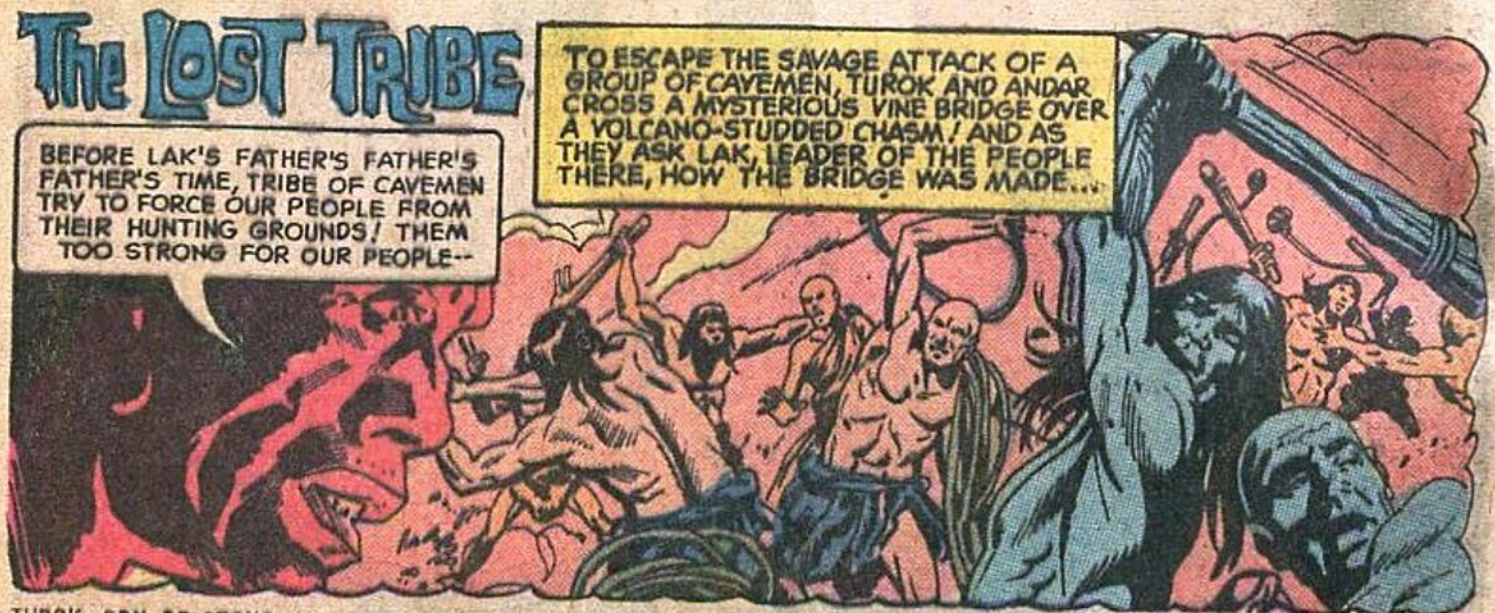
"IN THOSE DAYS, THERE NO FIRE HOLES IN VALLEY GROUND! OUR PEOPLE DROP VINE BRIDGE DOWN AND SPREAD IT BETWEEN THE TWO HIGH CLIFFS..."


"ON BOTH SIDES OF VALLEY, MEN PULL AND BRIDGE COME UP AND UP..."


"THEN OUR PEOPLE COME HERE! BRIDGE EASY TO GUARD! WE GO BACK AND FORTH OVER VALLEY TO HUNT..."


The LOST TRIBE
BEFORE LAK'S FATHER'S FATHER'S FATHER'S TIME, TRIBE OF CAVEMEN TRY TO FORCE OUR PEOPLE FROM THEIR HUNTING GROUNDS! THEM TOO STRONG FOR OUR PEOPLE--
TO ESCAPE THE SAVAGE ATTACK OF A GROUP OF CAVEMEN, TUROK AND ANDAR CROSS A MYSTERIOUS VINE BRIDGE OVER A VOLCANO-STUDDED CHASM! AND AS THEY ASK LAK, LEADER OF THE PEOPLE THERE, HOW THE BRIDGE WAS MADE...

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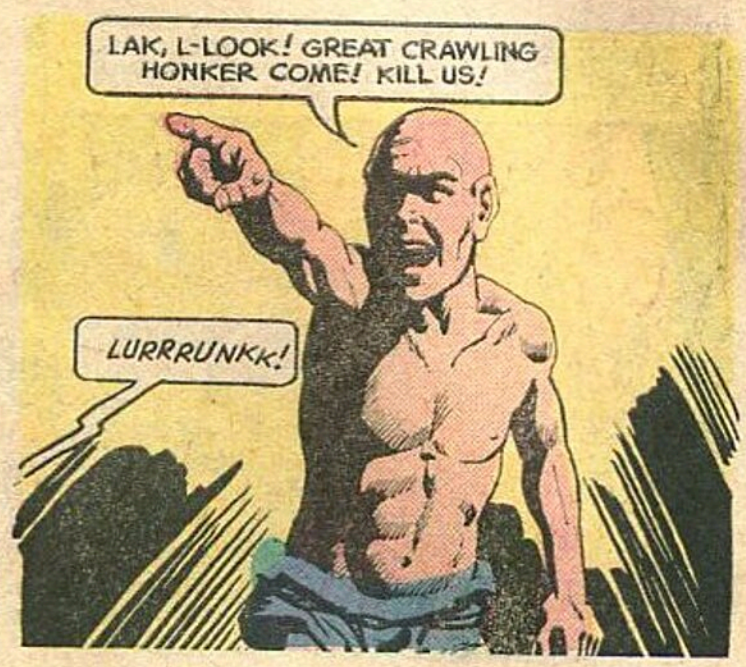
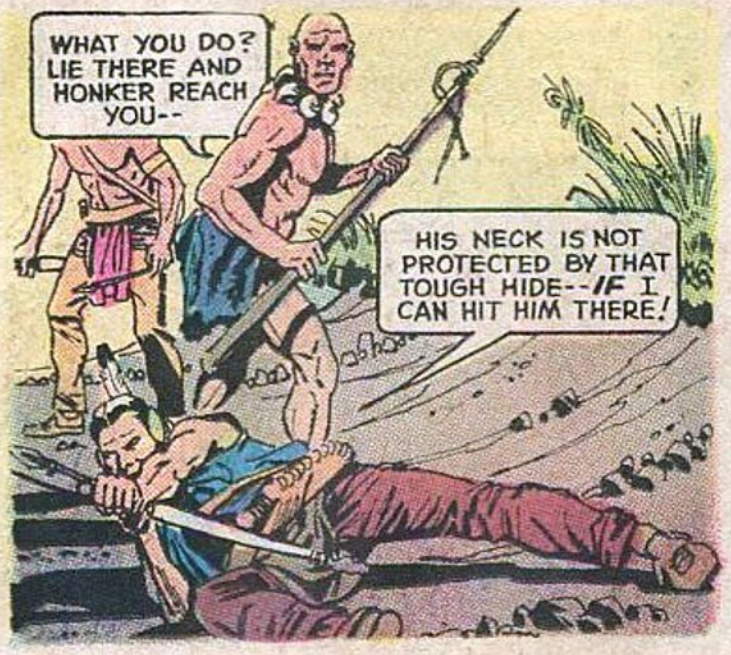
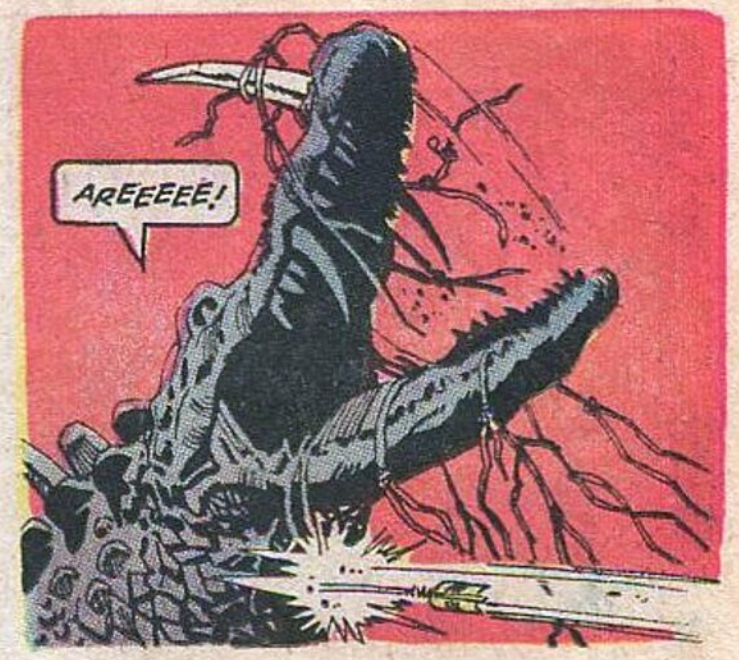
"THEN, LONG AGO, FIRE HOLES POKE UP IN VALLEY FLOOR! SEND SMOKE ACROSS BRIDGE! SINCE THEN, NO ONE TRY CROSS BACK OVER!"
NOW, KNOW WE CAN CROSS SAFELY! HONKERS HERE STRANGE BECAUSE THEM MIX WITH EACH OTHER! OUR PEOPLE DIE OFF, NEED GO BACK AND JOIN WITH OTHERS...
LAK! LAK, BRIDGE IS DOWN!

YOU BREAK BRIDGE--
NO! IT WAS CUT FROM THE OTHER SIDE WHILE WE WERE ESCAPING OVER IT!


LAK, L-LOOK! GREAT CRAWLING HONKER COME! KILL US!
LURRRUNKK!


WHAT YOU DO? LIE THERE AND HONKER REACH YOU--
HIS NECK IS NOT PROTECTED BY THAT TOUGH HIDE--IF I CAN HIT HIM THERE!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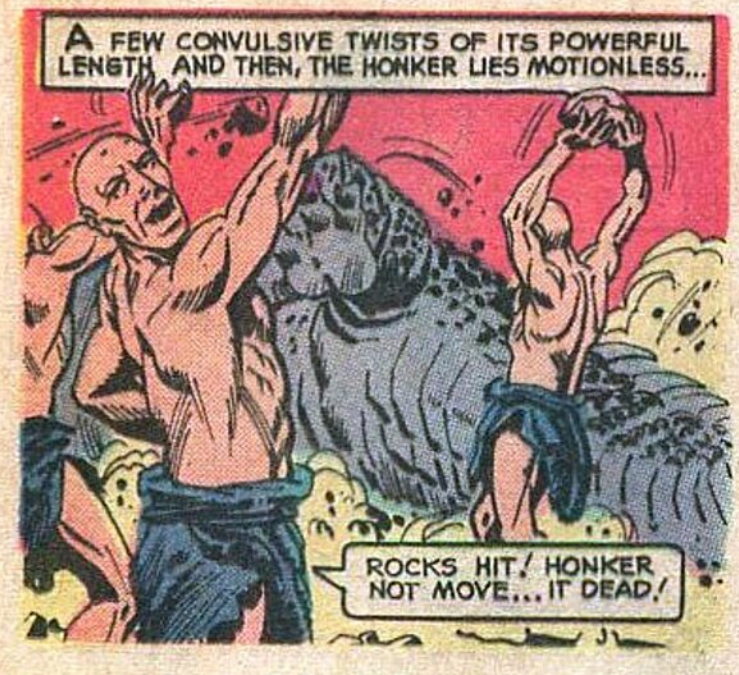
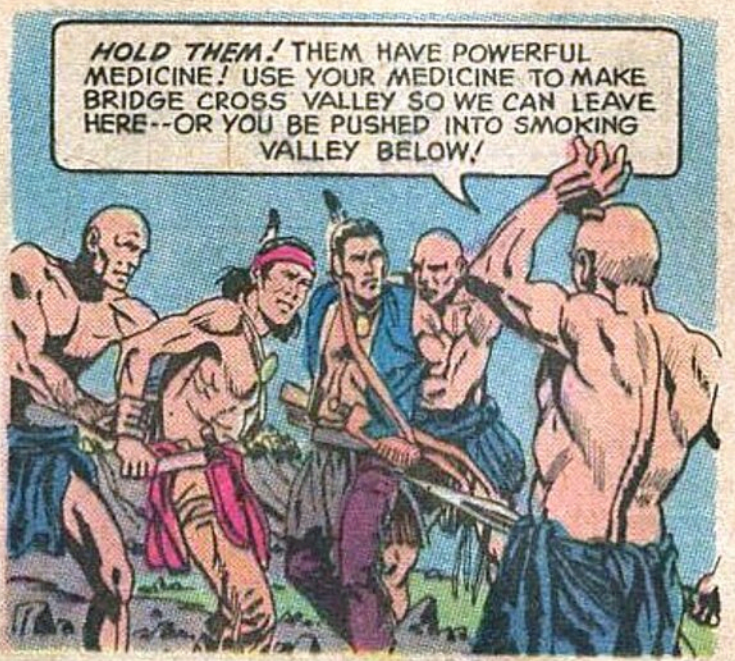
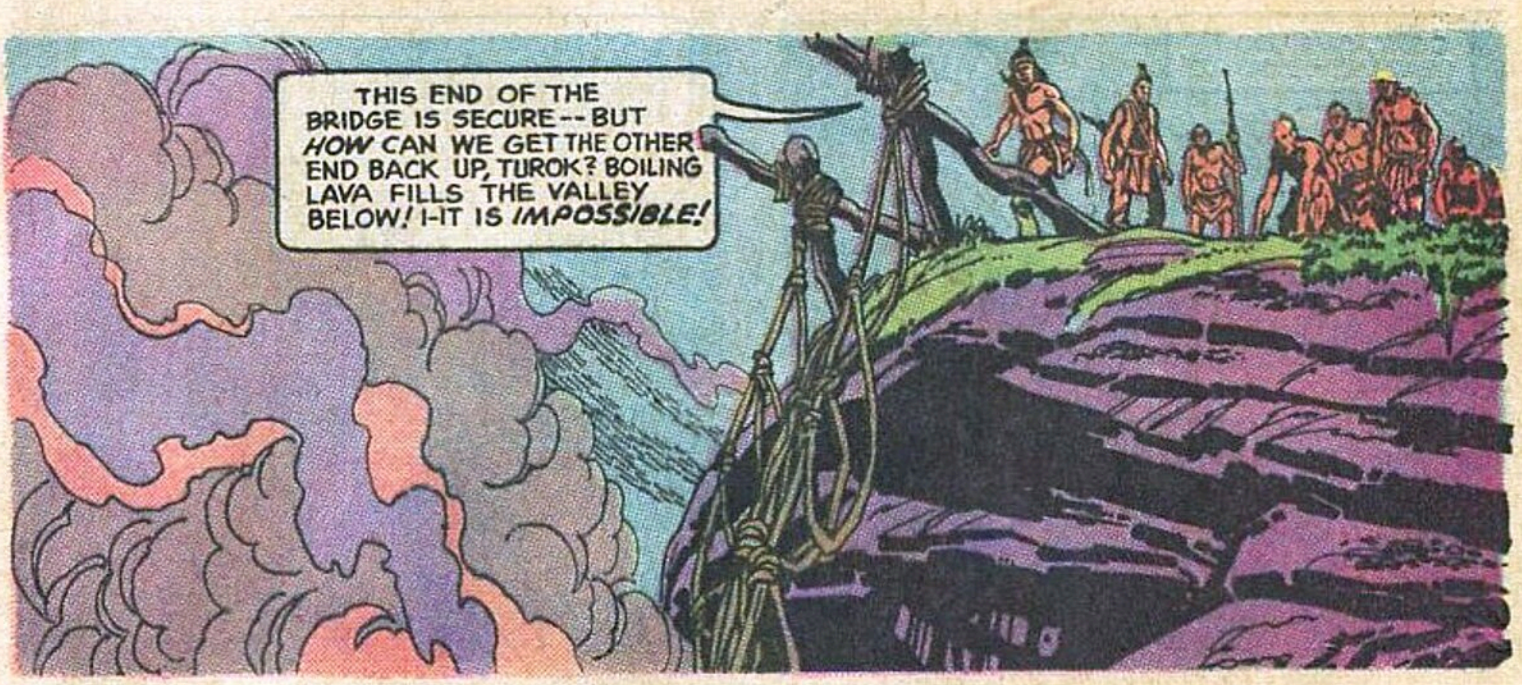
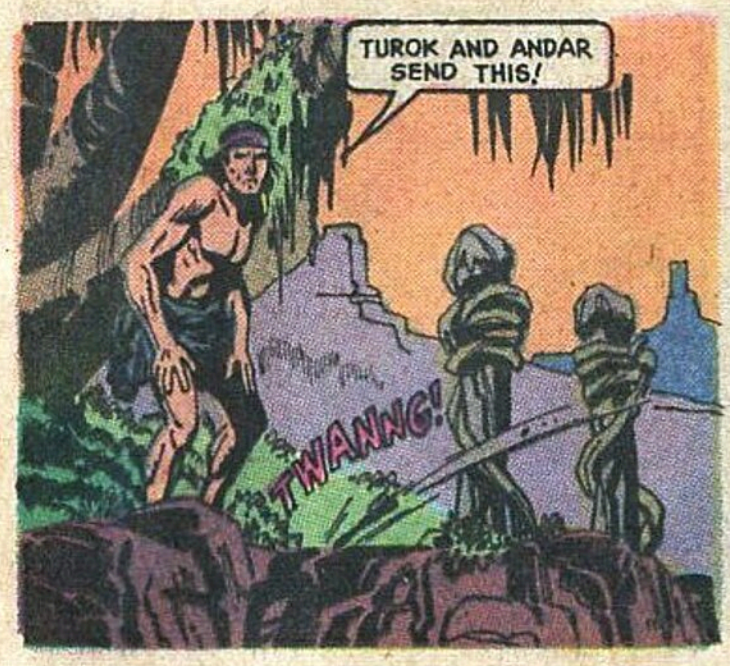

A FEW CONVULSIVE TWISTS OF ITS POWERFUL LENGTH AND THEN, THE HONKER LIES MOTIONLESS...
ROCKS HIT! HONKER NOT MOVE... IT DEAD!


HOLD THEM! THEM HAVE POWERFUL MEDICINE! USE YOUR MEDICINE TO MAKE BRIDGE CROSS VALLEY SO WE CAN LEAVE HERE--OR YOU BE PUSHED INTO SMOKING VALLEY BELOW!


THIS END OF THE BRIDGE IS SECURE--BUT *HOW* CAN WE GET THE OTHER END BACK UP, TUROK? BOILING LAVA FILLS THE VALLEY BELOW! I-IT IS *IMPOSSIBLE!*

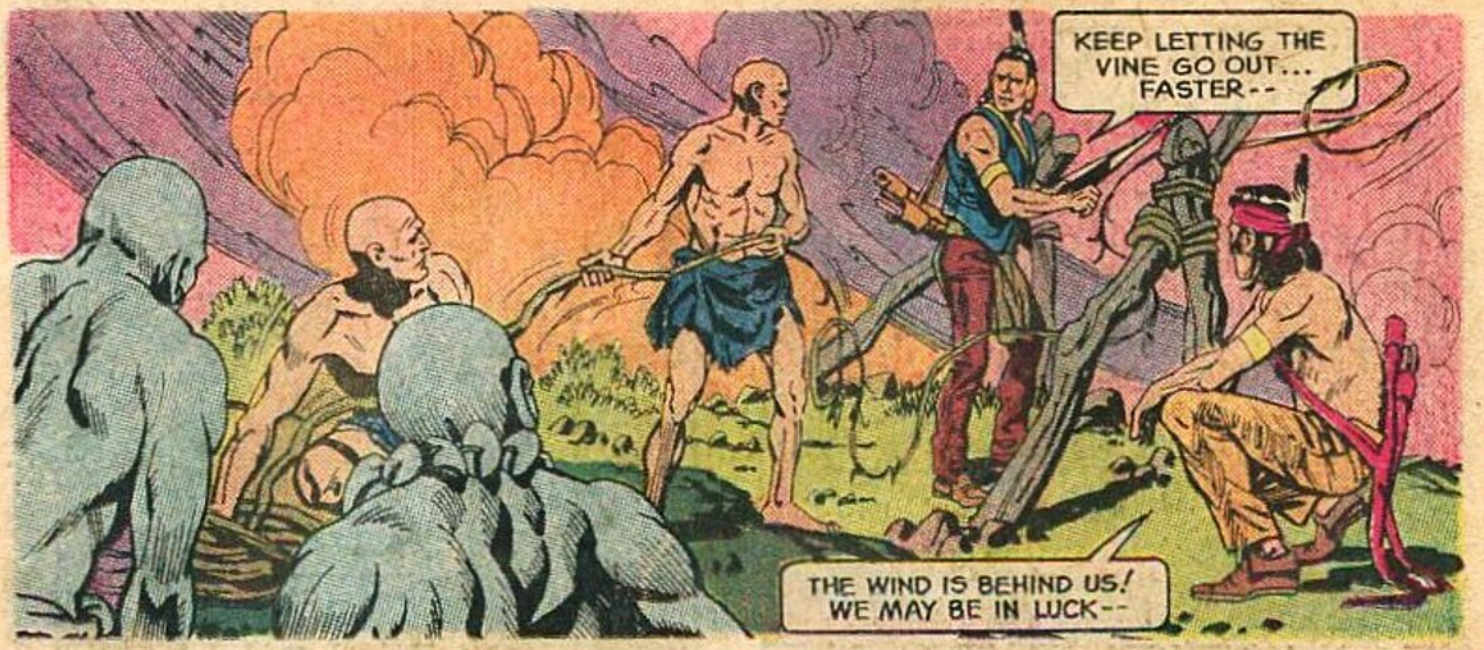
DORT, CAN YOU HEAR ME?... DORT!

I AIMED FOR WHERE THE BRIDGE WAS ANCHORED! IF DORT IS THERE AND IT REACHES HIS SIDE, HE WILL CALL WHEN THE VOLCANO STOPS RUMBLING BELOW US!


TUROK AND ANDAR SEND THIS!
TWANNG!

TUROK! ANDAR! TINY SPEAR HERE BY DORT! CAN YOU HEAR?
YES! DORT, WATCH FOR ANOTHER ARROW IT WILL HAVE A THIN VINE--- PULL ON IT!

THEN, TUROK HAS THE VINE-WEAVERS MAKE HIM A LONG, LIGHT VINE STRING...
THAT SHOULD BE LONG ENOUGH TO REACH ACROSS THE CHASM--
IF IT IS NOT TOO HEAVY TO LET THE ARROW REACH THE OTHER SIDE!


KEEP LETTING THE VINE GO OUT... FASTER--
THE WIND IS BEHIND US! WE MAY BE IN LUCK--

IT IS WORKING!
GROUND SHAKE! THAT SIGN! FIRE HOLE PUSHING UP HERE!

CAREFULLY, THE VINE IS LET OUT, AS THICKER AND HEAVIER VINES FOLLOW...
DORT HAVE FRIENDS NOW, WHO HELP!
DORT, IT WILL BE HARDER NOW! WE ARE STARTING TO LET YOU PULL THE BRIDGE OVER!
WE READY!

WHOOM!

THE VOLCANO IS STARTING!
WE NOT HAVE TIME ESCAPE! HONKERS KILL BEFORE WE ALL GET OVER BRIDGE!

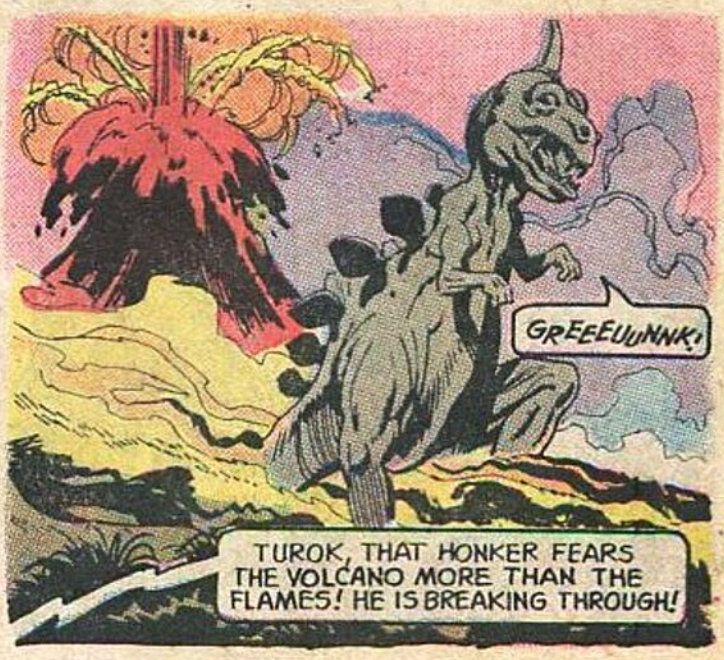
LAK, THE BRIDGE IS SECURE! START YOUR PEOPLE OVER WHILE ANDAR AND I TRY TO KEEP BACK THE HONKERS!
GREEE!!INK!

WE HAVE SLAIN TWO, TUROK, BUT A DOZEN COME TO TAKE THEIR PLACES AND WE HAVE *NOT* ENOUGH POISON ARROWS FOR THEM ALL!

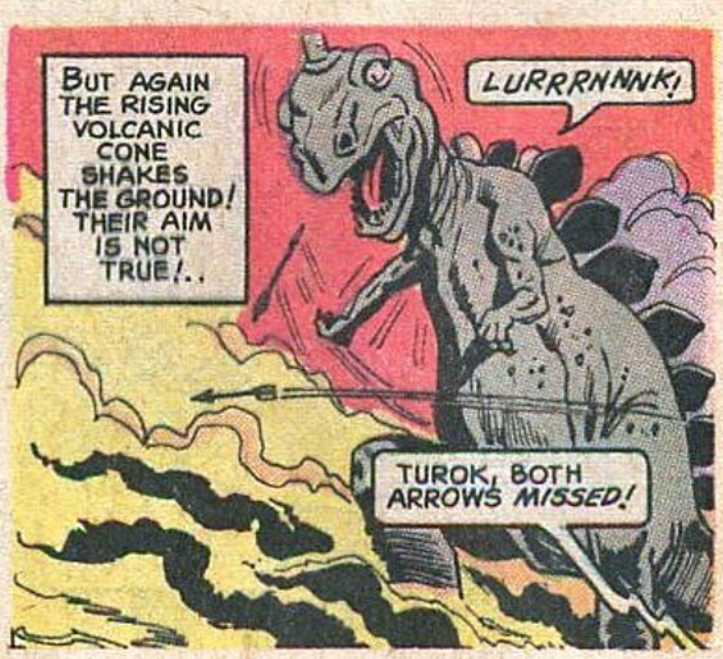
MAYBE A GRASS FIRE WILL KEEP THEM BACK LONG ENOUGH FOR US ALL TO ESCAPE!
THE GROUND IS SHAKING AGAIN! HURRY!

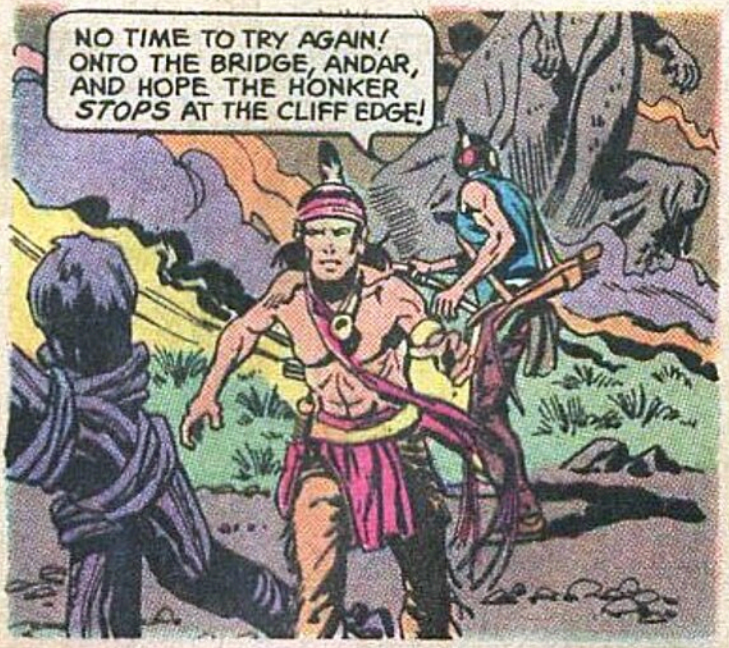
THE BLAZE IS SPREADING--
BACK TO THE BRIDGE!

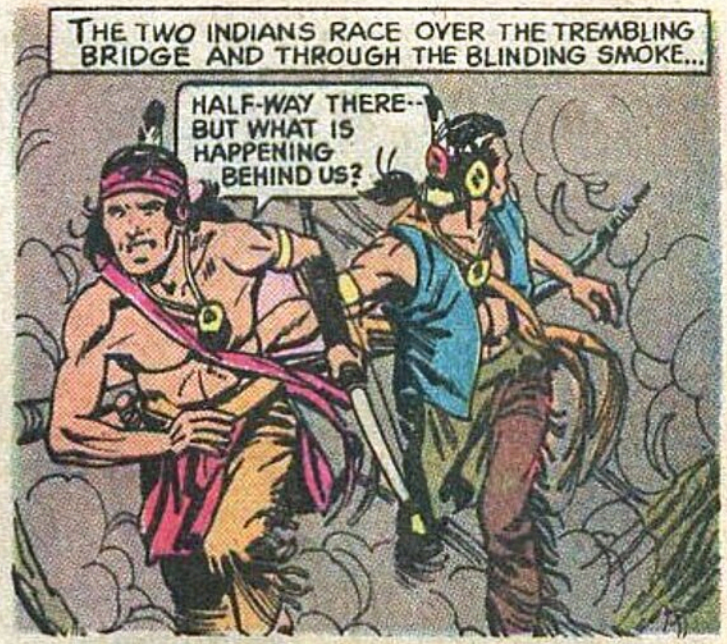
FIRE NOT KEEP HONKERS BACK MUCH LONGER! FIRE DIE!
KEEP YOUR PEOPLE MOVING ONTO THE BRIDGE, LAK!


GREEEUUNNK!
TUROK, THAT HONKER FEARS THE VOLCANO MORE THAN THE FLAMES! HE IS BREAKING THROUGH!

TUROK! ANDAR! COME!
FIRST, WE MUST STOP THE HONKER OR HE MAY DESTROY THE BRIDGE!


BUT AGAIN THE RISING VOLCANIC CONE SHAKES THE GROUND! THEIR AIM IS NOT TRUE!..
LURRRNNNK!
TUROK, BOTH ARROWS MISSED!


NO TIME TO TRY AGAIN! ONTO THE BRIDGE, ANDAR, AND HOPE THE HONKER *STOPS* AT THE CLIFF EDGE!


THE TWO INDIANS RACE OVER THE TREMBLING BRIDGE AND THROUGH THE BLINDING SMOKE...
HALF-WAY THERE-- BUT WHAT IS HAPPENING BEHIND US?

THEN, AS LAVA GUSHES AND ROCKS ARE FLUNG FROM THE NEWLY RISING CONE, THE GIANT REPTILE STEPS FORWARD...

FOR A MOMENT, THE LUMBERING MONSTER SEEMS SUSPENDED IN THE AIR, THEN SUDDENLY...
AREEEE!

WHILE AT THE OTHER END OF THE BRIDGE, TUROK AND ANDAR MAKE A DESPERATE LEAP FORWARD...
HAVE YOU!

SOON...
WE BACK TO WORLD OUR PEOPLE COME FROM! WITH DORT'S PEOPLE, WE TOO STRONG FOR CAVEMEN NOW! BUT WHERE YOU GO?
TO SEEK A WAY OUT OF LOST VALLEY -- SO WE MAY RETURN TO OUR PEOPLE!

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